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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Akira SUYAMA
Serial No. : 09/918,421
Filed : July 30, 2001
For : METHOD OF DETERMINING
ANALYTICAL NUCLEOTIDE
SEQUENCE USED IN NUCLEIC
ACID DETECTION
Art Unit : 1631
Examiner : MAHATAN

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2002 (Paper No. 7), the term for response to which is extended three months by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION filed concomitantly herewith to expire on November 30, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15 of the specification with the following paragraph:

--There are twenty four 7-tuples in the 30 nucleotides.
Assuming that the twenty-four 7-tuples are numbered 1 to 24 sequentially from the side of the 5' terminal of the 30 nucleotides, and that the frequencies corresponding to the

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Dated: November 14, 2002

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